

SEVENTH DAY.

Wednesday, 8th October 1941.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion at 12 of the clock on Wednesday, 8th October 1941, Mr. President (*Rajamantrapravina* N. Madhava Rau, B.A., B.L., Dewan) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS--*contd.***Mekedatu Power Scheme.**

Q.—1. Mr. S. KARIAPPA ((Kankar, halli—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether surveys have been conducted near Mekedatu to generate electricity by using the waters of the Cauvery; if so, in what year this investigation was carried out;

(b) whether it is under contemplation even now to take up the scheme;

(c) if so, when will the work be taken up;

(d) if it is not proposed to be taken up, what is the reason?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. MEHKRI).—

(a) Yes, 1924.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise, in view of answer to (b) above.

(d) The scheme for the generation of power at Jog Falls has been taken up for execution. The necessity for another scheme does not arise at present. This hydro-power site is reserved for future development.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—According to the survey conducted in 1924, how much power could be generated at Mekedatu?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—27,000 H. P.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—What was the scheme estimated to cost?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Rs. 1,36,00,000.

Another MEMBER.—What was the object with which surveys were undertaken in the year 1924?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—It was then considered necessary to think of that scheme for meeting the demand for power.

The MEMBER.—Are the Government now generating enough power to meet all the demand?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes.

The MEMBER.—It is stated in answer to (d) that this site is reserved for future development. Is there any such necessity?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—With the increase in the number of industrial concerns, more power will be required. That is why the Jog Falls Scheme has been taken up. If the demand for power increases still further, this and, if necessary, other schemes also will have to be considered.

Cultivation under the Begur Dasarahalli Tank.

Q.—6. Mr. G. RAMIAH (Koratager.—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a tank named Begur Dasarahalli tank near Thimmanahalli, Madhugiri Taluk;

(b) when was it restored;

(c) whether the contribution amount collected from the raiyats has been credited to Government treasury;

(d) when was it so credited into the treasury and what was the amount so credited;

(e) whether water is being supplied for cultivation from the time of the restoration of the tank;

(f) whether the *atchkat* under wet lands has been allocated;

(g) whether the raiyats of Thimmlapur and other villages have submitted